

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 4, 2007

DEPARTMENT: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

DIRECTOR: STEPHEN HARSIN

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

Discussion and possible action on the submittal of the city of Las Vegas 2007-2008 Action Plan for the allocation of \$10,963,658 in U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and State of Nevada funds – All Wards

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount: \$10,963,658

Funding Source: HUD/State Funds

Dept./Division: Neighborhood Services/Neighborhood Development

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

In order to receive federal and state funds for housing, homeless, and community development activities, the city of Las Vegas must submit an Action Plan to HUD no later than May 15, 2007. The Action Plan outlines activities that will be undertaken by the city of Las Vegas for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Funding sources include ADDI, CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA funds from HUD; and LIHTF and HOME funds from the State of Nevada.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends to approve, adopt, and authorize submittal of the city of Las Vegas 2007-2008 Action Plan to HUD, including consideration of public comment as required by HUD.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Agenda Memo
2. Draft 2007-2008 Action Plan

Motion made by GARY REESE to Approve as recommended

Passed For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 0

BRENDA J. WILLIAMS, LARRY BROWN, LOIS TARKANIAN, STEVE WOLFSON, OSCAR B. GOODMAN, GARY REESE, STEVEN D. ROSS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-None)

Minutes:

STEPHEN HARSIN, Director of Neighborhood Services, went over the subject matter, and then deferred to TIM WHITWRIGHT, with Neighborhood Services, who gave an overview. MR. WHITWRIGHT said the grant funding would be earmarked to provide affordable housing and to improve the living environment of low-income households, which generally constitute a family of four earning \$47,300 a year. The preparation of the plan included many opportunities

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for public input, starting with the distribution of surveys to low-income residents. The results of the survey were provided to the Community Development Recommending Board for their use and reference.

TOM MCGOWAN, Las Vegas resident, requested a copy of the action plan and thanked MR. HARSIN, his staff and the Council for their work and recommendations.

TED RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, noted that the cry throughout Southern Nevada is for affordable housing. It is an eye-opener for Las Vegas residents that \$47,300 is the local poverty level. About a year ago the very conservative Las Vegas Review Journal indicated the living wage in this Valley is about \$18 an hour.

